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Dear Seymour:

1. Do you still have *E. coli* (betimes yalet *Pseudomonas fluorescens*) strain Tr 13? Esther is doing some genetic work on *P. spp.* x *E. spp.* and this might be interesting. Was Tr 13 fluorescent? We won't bother if not.

2. Have you got *Spirillum itersonii* or some simularly easily grown, motile, spiral bacteria?

Best wishes of the season and for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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